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THE DEATH OF DOCTOR STRANGE
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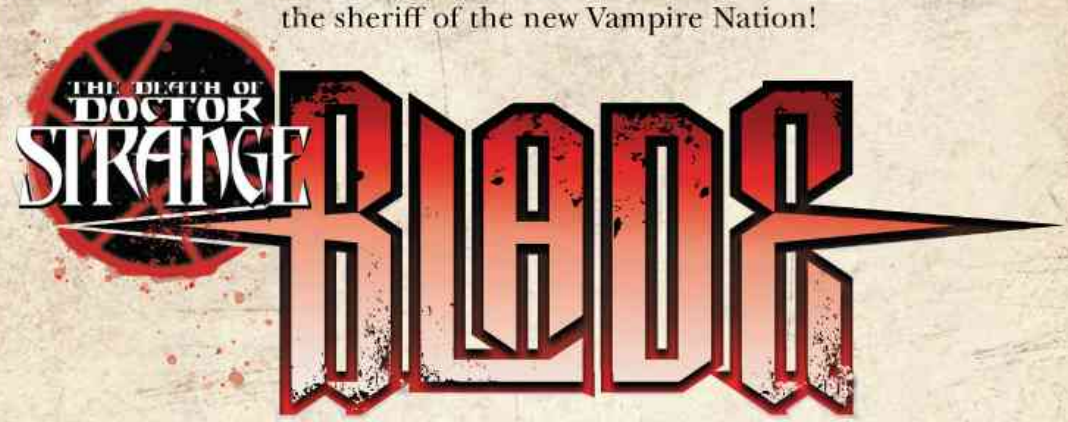
Born half-vampire, Eric Brooks has all of a vampire's strengths and none of its weaknesses. Determined to rid the world of the creatures that killed his mother, he became Blade the Daywalker, a ruthless vampire hunter, a member of the Avengers, and now, the sheriff of the new Vampire Nation!



Previously...

Doctor Stephen Strange was Earth's Sorcerer Supreme, a title granted to one whose skills in the mystic arts are greater than those of any other being. And with that came the responsibility to preserve a magic barrier around the Earth that warded off other dimensional threats.

But now, Doctor Strange has been mysteriously murdered, and that barrier has fallen.

The planet is being invaded by multiple dimensions. Without Doctor Strange, who can fight these forces back?

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PRIPYAT WAS ONCE A GHOST TOWN, ABANDONED AFTER THE NUCLEAR TRAGEDY IN CHERNOBYL.
NOW THE STREETS ARE FILLED, WITH SOUND, WITH MUSIC...
BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM
DOC'S DEAD!
BOM BOM BOM
...WITH THE UNDEAD.
BOM BOM BOM BOM BOM
FFSSS

BOTH THE BASS AND THE DEAD LAUGH.

YO, LESLIE, AMIR--IT'S THE DAYWALKER!
HERE TO CELEBRATE THE DEATH OF THE SORCERER SUPREME TOO?
HOW'S MY COSTUME LOOK? HEARD FROM MY BUDDIES IT'S PRETTY ACCURATE.
BLADE SUSPECTS THE COSTUMING TREND IS AS MUCH TO MAKE A POINT TO HIM AS IT IS MOCK THE DEAD. STILL, HE SAYS NOTHING.
CAREFUL--

--THE DAYWALKER'S LOOKING GRUMPY. HE MAY WRITE YOU UP.
WE KNOW THE RULES, DAHLIA. LOOK, BUT DON'T MUNCH.
DAHLIA FANCIES HERSELF AS A LEADER AMONGST VAMPIRES, AND HER GROUPIES DON'T HELP.

WHEN I HEARD THAT DRACULA CONSENTED TO HAVING THE DAYWALKER LIVE AMONGST US LIKE SOME KIND OF BABYSITTER, I GOTTA SAY--THOUGHT IT MADE HIM LOOK WEAK.
SEEING YOU IN PERSON? NOW I KNOW HOW WEAK HE REALLY IS.

TO BLADE, SHE IS THE TALLEST HEADSTONE IN THE CEMETERY. STILL DEAD.
IF I WAS SO "WEAK," DAHLIA, MY DEAR--

--I DO NOT BELIEVE YOU WOULD REDUCE YOURSELF TO TAUNTING MY HELP.
L-LORD DRACULA--!

I TOLERATE YOUR RUDENESS BECAUSE YOU HAVE YET TO BREAK ANY OF MY LAWS, DAHLIA.
AND YOU AND MY OTHER COUNCIL MEMBERS HAVE THEIR USES. BUT YOUR FRIENDS ARE NOT ON THE COUNCIL. YOU'D DO BEST TO REMEMBER THAT.
→GULP!←
YOUR LAWS ABOUT THE COUNCIL EXIST BECAUSE YOU KNOW YOU CAN'T FIGHT US ALL. YOU'D BETTER REMEMBER THAT.
PERHAPS IT IS BECAUSE OF THE FESTIVITIES, BUT I'M FEELING GRACIOUS... WOULD YOU RATHER LEVEL THAT THREAT AT ME--
--OR AT OUR SHERIFF?
HAPPY TO SKIP THE PAPERWORK.
HRGH. I'M DONE HERE. PLENTY OF OTHER PARTIES TO HIT.
NOW THAT THAT IS DONE, MIGHT I SPEAK TO YOU IN PRIVATE?
I SUPPOSE, BUT IF YOU CALL ME THE HELP ONE MORE TIME, YOU'LL BE SPEAKING TO MY BLADES.
HAVE YOU ALWAYS BEEN THIS SENSITIVE ABOUT JOKES, SHERIFF?
SAVE IT. LEFT MY SENSE OF HUMOR BACK IN THE STATES.

I SEE YOU'VE ALREADY BEGUN INTRODUCING YOURSELF TO MY COUNCIL MEMBERS.
SURPRISED YOU EVEN HAVE A COUNCIL. YOU DON'T SEEM LIKE THE DEMOCRATIC SORT.
MY APOLOGIES IF I GAVE THE IMPRESSION THAT IT WAS. THERE ARE NO VOTES INVOLVED.
BUT IT ALLOWS THE MOST...INTERESTING MEMBERS OF OUR NATION TO FEEL AS IF THEY HAVE MY EAR. AVOIDS UNNECESSARY FIGHTING.
AND YOU THINK THAT DAHLIA CHICK IS INTERESTING?
SHE HAS A GIFT FOR MAKING ALLIANCES WITH THE YOUNGER OF OUR KIND.

NORMALLY, ALL THE YOUNG ONES NEED TO BE SATISFIED ARE PARTIES LIKE THIS, SPECTACLES. BUT I HAVE NO WISH TO WATCH A GAGGLE OF PUNKS GET RILED UP BY HER AMBITIONS.
SPEAKING OF SPECTACLE, ALLOW ME TO OFFER MY CONDOLENCES FOR YOUR LOSS.
DON'T YOU DARE.

IT'S YOUR CITY, YOU'RE LETTING THEM RUN AROUND LIKE IT'S VAMPIRE CHRISTMAS!
YOU DON'T GET TO SAY "SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS" WHILE WEARING ONE OF THEM COSTUME CAPES LIKE EVERYONE ELSE!
I ADMIT, I WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO BE THE ONE WHO KILLED STEPHEN STRANGE.

BUT I AM AWARE OF THE SITUATION THAT YOU AND I ARE CURRENTLY IN, AND HOW WE ARE DOOMED TO WORK TOGETHER. SO I ASSURE YOU, MY OFFERED POLITENESS, AT LEAST, IS GENUINE.
AS FOR THE CAPE...

...I HAVE OCCASIONALLY ADMIRED THE STYLE OF MY ENEMIES.
CRASH

UGH. WHAT AN UNFORTUNATE INTERRUPTION. DO YOUR JOB AND CLEAN UP WHATEVER MESS THEY'RE MAKING.
I WOULDN'T WANT ANY OF DAHLIA'S ILK TO USE TONIGHT AS AN EXCUSE TO RIOT.

SNIFF
SMELLS LIKE SOMETHING TO EAT
BLADE'S JOB IS TO KEEP THE VAMPIRES IN LINE. BUT DAHLIA AND HER LITTLE FRIENDS ARE RIGHT: HE CAN'T TOUCH THEM WITHOUT PROVOCATION.
SO TONIGHT, HE MAKES AN EXCEPTION.
CRASH
P!
ANY THOUGHT THAT THESE UNINVITED GUESTS ARE DISGRUNTLED VAMPIRES VANISH WHEN BLADE SMELLS THEM.
HE'D DEALT WITH HIS SHARE OF EXTRA-DIMENSIONAL ENCOUNTERS. THEY SMELLED DIFFERENT THAN ANYTHING FROM EARTH.
NOT THAT IT MATTERED. THEY WERE GOING TO GO DOWN, LIKE EVERY OTHER MONSTER AND THREAT THAT HE'D TACKLED IN HIS LIFETIME.
WHIFF

CHACHOK

THERE ARE NO OTHERS.
VOC'S DEAD
THE FEARFUL VAMPIRES HAD EITHER GONE INDOORS OR GROUPED UP.
SKRATCH
BUT THIS SOUND COMES FROM SEVERAL FEET AWAY FROM THE CROWD.

YOU SURE?

BLADE AND DRACULA'S BODYGUARD APPROACH THE SOUND.
BOTH SURELY SMELLING FEAR AND SOMETHING NOT OF EARTH FROM BEHIND IT.

THERE IT IS!

STOP! LET GO!

IT WAS FROM THE SAME DIMENSION AS THOSE WARRIORS, BUT THIS WAS NO FIGHTER.
THE WORDS STARTED OTHERWORLDLY, BUT SOFTENED AND CURVED AND THEN RE-PITCHED THEMSELVES, SYLLABLE BY SYLLABLE.
BUT IN WHATEVER LANGUAGE THEY SPOKE, IT WAS A CHILD.
WHAT A MARVELOUS DISPLAY FROM BOTH OUR SHERIFF AND MY LOYAL GUARD!
BUT THERE ARE PRECIOUS HOURS LEFT BEFORE SUNRISE, AND I BELIEVE YOU ALL WISHED FOR A PARTY? OUR NEW... GUEST WILL BE DEALT WITH, SO PLEASE, CARRY ON!
SINCE MY MEN ARE NEEDED AT MY SIDE, COULD THE DUNGEON GUARD FINISH THIS UP?
I BELIEVE... AH, LESLIE, YOU'VE RECENTLY JOINED THE DUNGEON GUARD, YES?
YES, SIR!
BLADE SEES THE POWER PLAY--HOW EVEN DAHLIA'S GROUPIES WILL COME RUNNING WHEN LORD DRACULA CALLS.
IF THE MYSTERY OF THE ATTACKERS FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION WASN'T WEIGHING ON HIM, BLADE MIGHT HAVE EVEN LAUGHED.
OH, AND BLADE?
I HAVE NEED OF YOUR PRESENCE TOMORROW.

"PLEASE...DRESS APPROPRIATELY."
DRACULA LEAVES BEFORE BLADE CAN GIVE HIS OPINION ABOUT THE REQUEST *OR* THE NIGHT'S EVENTS.
BUT SOMEHOW, BLADE MANAGES TO BOTH COME DRESSED APPROPRIATELY *AND* TO DO SO OUT OF OBVIOUS SPITE...
...DRACULA HAS SUMMONED BLADE TO YET ANOTHER PARTY, ALTHOUGH THIS ONE WAS FAR... OLDER IN STYLE. AND GUESTS.
HE'D INVESTIGATE THE SOURCE OF THE *POOL* OF BLOOD LATER.
--AND IT IS MY *SPECIAL* GUEST! PLEASE, BLADE, TAKE A SEAT.
THE LAST THING I AM IS YOUR *GUEST*. I'M HERE TO KEEP YOU IN LINE.
AND I DON'T DO THAT SITTING DOWN.
SUIT YOURSELF. AND HERE I WAS TRYING TO HELP YOU...ACCLIMATE TO THE WORLD OF VAMPIRE POLITICS.
EVERYTHING THE VAMPIRE LORD DOES HAS AN ANGLE. THIS FALSE KINDNESS ISN'T FOR BLADE'S SAKE. SO WHO IS IT FOR?

IF WE'RE GOING TO TALK "POLITICS" TONIGHT, LORD DRACULA--MAYBE WE SHOULD TALK ABOUT OUR PLANS FOR THE AVENGERS NOW THAT DOCTOR STRANGE IS DEAD.
I HAVE NO PLANS, DAHLIA, AND I HOPE THAT YOU'RE TOO SMART TO HAVE ANY OF YOUR OWN.
ARE YOU SERIOUS? STRANGE AND HIS MAGIC WAS ONE OF THE ONLY TRUE THREATS TO THE VAMPIRE CAUSE!
WITHOUT THE SORCERER SUPREME, WHY ARE WE STILL BOWING TO THESE HUMANS?! WE SHOULD STRIKE, NOW!
INSTEAD OF THEM GIVING US A NATION, WE SHOULD BE TAKING THEIRS!
SHE... ALWAYS LIKE THIS?
SHE IS OLDER THAN SHE LOOKS, BUT FORGETS TO THINK IN THE LONG TERM.
I HAVE NO DESIRE TO PLAY HUNTING GAMES WITH THE AVENGERS.
DOES IT BORE YOU... OR ARE YOU AFRAID?
NEITHER.
THE WORLD AROUND US IS IN TURMOIL BECAUSE OF STRANGE'S DEATH. WE ARE ONE OF THE FEW NATIONS THAT FIND SOLACE IN THESE TIMES. I HAVE NO NEED TO RUSH.
BESIDES... HIS DEATH SEEMS TO HAVE BROUGHT A NEW DIVERSION TO OUR DOORSTEP.

KNEEL, CREEPO.
FWUMP
I DIDN'T COME TO YOUR PARTY TO WATCH YOU MAKE A SPECTACLE OF A SCARED KID. WATCH YOURSELF.
THE GUARDS DISCOVERED THAT THIS...KID'S...LANGUAGE IS AMPLIFIED BY SOME LEVEL OF PSYCHIC ABILITY. THEY HAVE MANAGED TO SPEAK IN A WAY WE CAN ALL COMPREHEND.
AND AS OUR SHERIFF, BLADE, I PRESUME YOU WANT TO HEAR THEIR TRAGIC TALE BEFORE I DECIDE THEIR FATE.
THE CHILD SPEAKS. AGAIN INCOMPREHENSIBLE AT FIRST, UNTIL THEY SAY THEIR NAME: FIO'RI.

THEN, A STORY THAT BLADE CAN UNDERSTAND UNFOLDS: CHAOS IN A CITY FROM BEHIND A VEIL.
BANDITS, OR PIRATES, SET UPON THE CHILD AND THEIR PEOPLE, KIDNAPPING SEVERAL, DRAGGING THEM ACROSS DIMENSION BLOOD.

NO ONE FIO'RI KNEW WAS STILL ALIVE WHEN THE VEIL OPENED. ALL THEY KNEW WAS THE BANDITS WERE EXCITED AT THE NEW LANDS ON THE OTHER SIDE. THE NEW CONQUESTS.

AS A FRUSTRATED RAGE BUILDS IN HIS CHEST AND THROAT, BLADE IS DISAPPOINTED HE CAN'T TAKE DOWN THOSE BANDITS A SECOND TIME.
THE LORD DRACULA SITS LIKE STONE. UNMOVING.
NOT THAT BLADE EXPECTED HIM TO CARE.

THE OTHER VAMPIRES, OLD AS THEY WERE, HAVE A HARDER TIME KEEPING THEIR REACTIONS HIDDEN.
OH, IS *THAT* ALL?
I THOUGHT IT WAS ALL RATHER SAD. POOR THING.

THE DISMISSAL, THE PATRONIZING SOBS...ALL OF IT RUNS UP BLADE'S SPINE IN A FIRE OF RAGE.
HOLDING THE CHILD PRISONER IS BAD ENOUGH--MAKING A MOCKERY OF THEM IS TOO MUCH.

WE ARE DONE *HERE.*
YOU WANT TO PUT THIS KID ON TRIAL? THEN YOU DON'T DO IT WITH AN AUDIENCE. ANYTHING ELSE, I'D SAY THAT QUALIFIES AS TORTURING AND TORMENTING NON-VAMPIRES.
AND THAT'S *MY PURVIEW.*
KLAK!

THE GUARDS MOVE TOWARD BLADE FAR FASTER THAN THEY GOT INVOLVED ON THE STREET.
BLADE WISHES THEY'D COME AT HIM. HE IS SICK OF PLAYING NICE.

YOU WANT TO PLAY GAMES, DRACULA? I'LL TAKE EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOUR MEN OUT.

DRACULA IS STILL UNMOVED.

BUT HE IS ALONE IN THAT REGARD.
HOW DARE YOU, BLADE!
I'M SICK OF YOUR S%$*!

AT LEAST, SHE IS STRONGER THAN MOST WHO TALK A BIG GAME.
YOU, DAYWALKER, AND THE AVENGERS--
KLANG

--YOU THINK YOU CONTROL US?!
WACK
SEND A MESSAGE BACK TO YOUR AVENGER FRIENDS--

HURK!
THE INTENSITY OF THE FIGHT MEANS THAT BLADE DOESN'T SEE DRACULA ENTER THE FRAY.
NEED I *REMIND* YOU HOW WE BEHAVE TOWARD *GUESTS?*
LET HER DOWN, LAST THING I NEED IS YOU STEPPING IN.
THIS ISN'T ABOUT YOU, BLADE. I WILL NOT BE DISRESPECTED... GUARDS-- TAKE THEM!
TCH ONE WOULD THINK THAT A CENTURY OF LIFE WOULD TEACH ONE HOW TO CONDUCT ONESELF.
SOME PEOPLE DON'T HAVE *HOUSE-TRAINING.*

IS THAT THE PHRASE YOU'D USE FOR HER BEHAVIOR?
TELL ME, DAYWALKER...HOW WOULD YOU REFER TO *YOURS?*
BLADE OWES NO EXPLANATION FOR HIS RAGE, ESPECIALLY TO A MONSTER LIKE DRACULA. THE VAMPIRES HAD PUT HIM THROUGH ENOUGH.

IT WAS *LOGICAL* THAT BLADE WOULD HIT HIS LIMIT...
YOU... ARE ALL SO ANGRY...
IT'S BAD ENOUGH THAT DRACULA DOESN'T RESPECT THE REST OF US, BUT TO SHOW THE *LEASH* THE AVENGERS HAVE HIM ON?!
I WILL NOT BOW TO THIS DOMESTICATION!
...EVEN IF HE'D REACHED IT FAR SOONER THAN HE NORMALLY WOULD.

YOU ARE ONE OF THE ANGRIEST OF THEM ALL... WHAT IF...

...WE PUT THAT RAGE TO GOOD USE?

LESLIE. WAIT. WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?

DAHLIA, IF I DON'T GET THIS WEIRDO IN THERE, DRACULA--

WHAT, ARE YOU *SCARED?*

FEAR IS ONE OF THE EASIEST EMOTIONS TO PLAY WITH.
WHAT DID YOU DO, EXACTLY?
MY PEOPLE FEED ON EMOTION. BUT FIRST...YOU NURTURE IT. GROW IT.
IMPRESSIVE. I ASSUME THAT YOU DID SOMETHING SIMILAR AT DRACULA'S PARTY. WHY SHOULD I TRUST YOU INSTEAD OF KILLING YOU FOR MEDDLING?
MY ABILITY TO FEED IS LIMITED ONLY BY DISTANCE. BUT I CAN...SHARE...IT TEMPORARILY...
I SIMPLY WANT TO FEED, BUT YOU? I'M SURE YOU CAN THINK OF A FEW WAYS TO.. USE YOUR ENEMIES' FEAR AND ANGER AGAINST THEM.
I MOST CERTAINLY CAN.
CLAP!

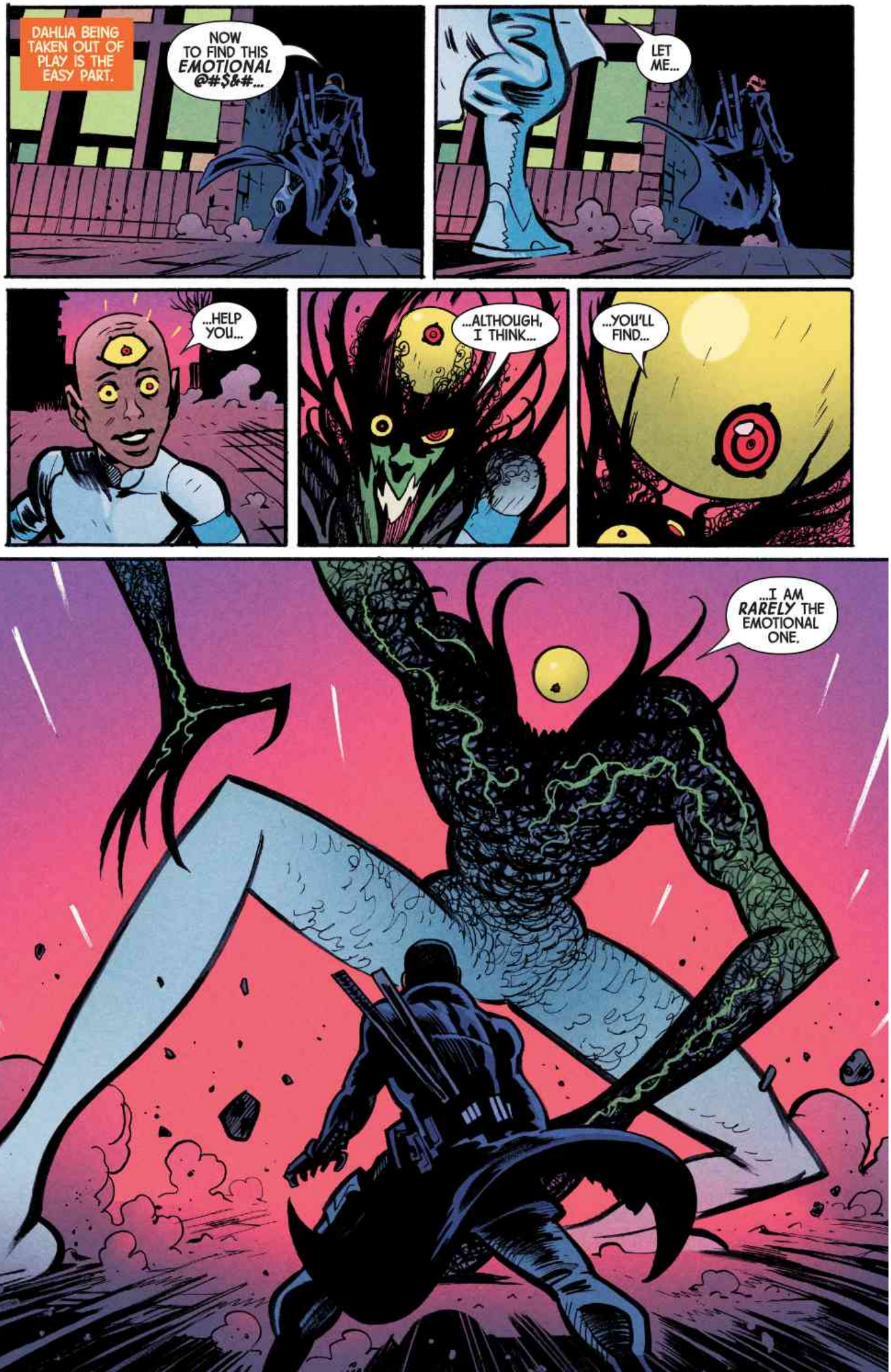
BY THE TIME BLADE IS SUMMONED TO THE DUNGEON, ALL THAT IS LEFT ARE THE TWO GUARDS, SHAKING AND BLUBBERING IN FEAR. USELESS.
WHAT IS THIS?
IS IT NOT OBVIOUS? BOTH OF MY NEWEST PRISONERS SEEM TO HAVE... ESCAPED.
IF SHE'S *HURT* THE KID--
YOU SEEM SURE OF HOW THIS TRANSPIRED.
I DON'T THINK THEY WENT OUT TO GO CLUBBING TOGETHER!
COME NOW-- IF DAHLIA WAS ABLE TO DO THIS, DO YOU NOT THINK SHE WOULD HAVE TRIED IT ON YOU?
DID YOU NOT REALIZE *THE CHILD* IS A PSYCHIC VAMPIRE?

NO WAY.
I SUSPECTED FROM THE MOMENT I SAW HIM--I'VE SEEN MANY SUCH CREATURES IN MY TIME, AND THE WAY THEY PLAYED AT *YOUR* HEARTSTRINGS MADE IT OBVIOUS.
YOU ARE PREDISPOSED TO PITY THE WEAK AND TO HATE THE STRONG. AND SO YOU SAW WHAT *FIO'RI* WANTED YOU TO SEE SO THAT HE COULD EVOKE THE STRONGEST EMOTIONS AROUND HIM.
THEN WHY NOT TAKE THEM OUT IMMEDIATELY?
THEY PLAYED INTO MY PLANS. I NEEDED TO BE RID OF DAHLIA WITHOUT THE APPEARANCE OF ASSASSINATING MY ENEMIES SO SOON AFTER OUR NATION'S BIRTH. SO I USED THEM TO TRICK HER INTO DISRESPECTING YOU, *MY GUEST*, IN FRONT OF WITNESSES.
I SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE WARY OF THE TWO OF THEM TEAMING UP AND BEING NUISANCES.
BLADE HEARS THE VAMPIRE'S WORDS, BUT THEY ARE MUTED UNDER THE ROAR OF HIS NOW UNMANIPULATED EMOTIONS: HE'D BEEN PLAYED.
UH...LORD DRACULA?
SO, YOU'VE LOCATED DAHLIA AND THE CREATURE?
THEY'VE LEFT A TRAIL.
WELL THEN, BLADE... I DO BELIEVE IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO STEP IN AND BE *THE LAW.*
YOU'RE OUT OF YOUR MIND IF YOU THINK YOU GET TO SIT BACK AND WATCH ME CLEAN UP YOUR MESSES.

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE VAMPIRE NATION, EMOTIONS FLOW LIKE BLOOD, FILLING THE STREETS.
THE BEAST, FIO'RI, THROUGH THEIR NEWEST LIEUTENANT, DRINKS DEEPLY.
A COCKTAIL, WEIGHTY WITH RAGE, PASSION AND, EVENTUALLY...
...MINDLESSNESS.
?
BUT BLADE KNOWS HOW TO CUT THROUGH SWATHES OF VAMPIRES.
THIS IS WHAT HE DOES.

WHUDD!
IT'LL BE MUCH MORE FUN TO KILL YOU WHEN YOU ARE FERAL WITH *RAGE*, DAYWALKER.
WH-WHAT? WHY AREN'T YOU--?
YOU THINK I NEED FANCY MAGIC TRICKS TO *HATE* YOUR ASS?
ARGH!

DAHLIA IS CONSUMED BY HER RAGE...
...SO MUCH SO THAT EVEN AS A VAMPIRE, SHE CANNOT SEE WHAT LURKS IN THE SHADOWS THAT SURROUND HER.


DAHLIA BEING TAKEN OUT OF PLAY IS THE EASY PART.
NOW TO FIND THIS EMOTIONAL @#$&#...
LET ME...
...HELP YOU...
...ALTHOUGH, I THINK...
...YOU'LL FIND...
...I AM RARELY THE EMOTIONAL ONE.

THIS FIGHT HITS DIFFERENT.
SLAM
THE PHYSICAL PAIN WRACKS BLADE'S BODY, AGAIN AND AGAIN.
TELL ME HOW IT FEELS--
RRNCH
BUT IT IS MOURNING THAT OVERWHELMS HIS SENSES.
--AND I'LL TELL YOU HOW IT TASTES!
-HWAK
BLADE FEELS SOMETHING SNAP, AND HE IS UNSURE IF IT IS ACROSS HIS SKIN OR IF IT IS A DEEPER, LONGER LASTING PAIN.
THAT ALREADY, NEARLY OVERWHELMING GRIEF GROWS HEAVIER AND HEAVIER.

AND IT IS THAT WEIGHT, AS MUCH AS GRAVITY, THAT DROPS HIM TO HIS KNEES.
THE REST OF YOUR KIND WOULD HAVE BEEN DRAINED EMPTY BY NOW. OR BEEN CONSUMED BY THEIR EMOTIONS...
AND YET I SUSPECT YOU COULD FEED ME FOR A LIFETIME.
GUESS I'M JUST MADE DIFFERENT.
WHY ARE YOU AMUSED? YOU'LL END UP LIKE THE REST-- BROKEN AND DRAINED.
BEEN AWHILE SINCE I FOUGHT SO LONG...
...I GOT TO WATCH THE SUN COME UP.
DAHLIA MENTIONED MOST OF YOUR KIND HATED SUNLIGHT. AND THAT YOU WERE SPECIAL.
BUT YOUR SUN HAS NO EFFECT ON ME.
DIDN'T THINK IT DID.
ALL SUNRISE MEANS...

...IS IT'S TIME FOR THE STREETLIGHTS TO GO OUT!
SHUNK

FIO'RI DIES, AND THE CHOKEHOLD THE PAIN HAS ON BLADE'S HEART LESSENS.
BUT IT DOESN'T-- CAN'T--VANISH COMPLETELY.
KLANG
AND THERE ARE OTHER THINGS, AFTER ALL, LIVING IN THE SHADOWS.
SKRITCH
SHA-
OTHER MONSTERS.
DOWN, DAYWALKER. YOU'VE WON ANOTHER MESSY BATTLE.
A NEW, MORE FRUSTRATING, RAGE BLOOMS.
YOU'VE SAVED MANY OF MY CITIZENS, I'M SURE.
I DIDN'T DO THIS FOR YOU.
YES, BUT THAT HARDLY MATTERS, DOES IT?
THE LORD OF THE VAMPIRES BEGINS TO TALK OF THE ADVANTAGE THIS HAS GIVEN HIM, AND WHAT NEEDS TO BE CLEANED UP. BLADE DOESN'T KNOW IF HE'S BEING MOCKED.
HE ALSO DOES NOT CARE.
FWAP!
THERE'S NOTHING IN YOUR NATION'S CHARTER THAT SAYS I HAVE TO STAY AND LISTEN TO THIS NONSENSE.
SUNRISE IS HERE, AND I SUGGEST YOU DO THE SAME THING I'M ABOUT TO.
GO THE %&*@ TO SLEEP.

THE IMMORTAL UNDEAD QUICKLY GO BACK TO PARTYING, AS IF NOTHING HAS CHANGED.
DEC'S DEAD!
PART TWO!
EXCEPT FOR THE YOUNGEST, WHO HAVE NOT YET LEARNED TO HIDE THEIR GRIEF.
YOU THINK THAT ANY OF US ARE GONNA FORGET WHAT YOU DID? TO DAHLIA AND LESLIE?
BLADE IS REMINDED OF THE ANGER HE FELT KNOWING DRACULA *USED* HIM, TOYED WITH HIM IN FRONT OF THE SO-CALLED COUNCIL.
KID, I'M ONLY GONNA TELL YOU THIS ONCE...
WHAT YOU'RE NOT GONNA DO IS GET IN MY FACE WITH THAT FRESH OUT THE GRAVE BREATH, TRYING TO SCARE ME WITH SOME WHACK ASS BABBLING.
ESPECIALLY SINCE YOU AND I KNOW IF I EVEN STAND UP A LITTLE STRAIGHTER, YOU'LL PISS YOURSELF.
NOT THAT ANYONE WOULD BE ABLE TO TELL IN THAT SNOT RAG YOU'RE CALLING AN OUTFIT.
WHY YOU--!
BWAK!

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DIDN'T YOU HEAR? I'M DRACULA'S GUEST AND YOUR SHERIFF.
SO YOU WANNA TRY COMING AT ME CORRECTLY THIS TIME?
HNNH...
DRACULA WOULD SURELY SAY THAT BLADE WAS STARTING TO LEARN FROM HIS ENEMY...
TOO SLOW.
CHUNK
BLADE WOULD SIMPLY SAY THAT HE FELT DIFFERENTLY.
END.

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